



**I hope you didn't miss Sunday!**

We asked the question: ***Where do you want to be as a Disciple of Jesus in 10 years?*** And that immediately begs another question...***How would you ever get from where you are now to where you want to be?***

**Maybe you have been there: "Help me understand *how* to grow."**

Our leaders prayed through this, studied the scriptures (especially the life and teachings of Jesus) and were determined to give ultra-practical guidance to those who want to walk a spiritual path. We know there are 4 practices that lead us to real spirituality. And we know the health of these practices is a decent indicator of how life-giving our walk with God is.

- **CONNECT** in relationships where truth meets life  
*...Do I have other Christ followers encouraging me and pushing me?*
- **CULTIVATE** a personal relationship with Jesus  
*...I may know about Him, but do I know Him? And does He know me?*
- **CONTRIBUTE** by serving  
*...Am I in a place where my life is not about me...but focused on releasing my life for God and for others?*
- **CARE** about people far from God  
*...Am I desperate for others – everyone – to experience the Grace I have?*

The next 4 pages are a **simple tool** that to help you take your **first steps** in the process. There is a page of questions about each practice to get you thinking about where you are right now.

Here is how to use it:

- Take a moment to pray before filling out the inventory. Just ask God to help you be candid and reflective.
- No answers are right or wrong...it's a tool to help you get a good picture of yourself.
- You can add up your numbers to see how each practice might be healthier or weaker in your life right now.
- The numbers aren't nearly as important as the reflection on the questions!

I hope you will make this month about figuring out your next steps in growing spiritually. Over the next 4 weeks of this series we will teach about these 4 practices. What better time than now to dig in with your faith? ***The Road is Open!***

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Lead Pastor

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Does not apply at all

Not much/Seldom

Somewhat/Occasionally

Mostly/ Frequently

Applies Completely

**CONNECT in relationships where truth meets life**

- \_\_\_1. I believe I grow best as a Christ follower when I am actively connected to a local church.
- \_\_\_2. I have close relationships with other Christ followers who have influence on my life's direction.
- \_\_\_3. I am known as a person who speaks words of kindness to those in need of encouragement.
- \_\_\_4. I believe bursts of anger sabotage relationships.
- \_\_\_5. I participate in a group of Christ followers who really know me and support me.
- \_\_\_6. God enables me to forgive people who have hurt me.
- \_\_\_7. I believe the local church is the body of Christ on earth, the hope of the world.
- \_\_\_8. I forgive people who deeply hurt me.
- \_\_\_9. I am known as a person who is sensitive to the needs of others.
- \_\_\_10. I believe God's plan for spiritual growth is always in the context of a community of Christ followers.
- \_\_\_11. I am willing to make any of my faults known to Christ followers who care for me.
- \_\_\_12. I am known as a person of humility.
- \_\_\_13. I believe God calls me as a believer to commit to do my part in a Biblical community.
- \_\_\_14. I encourage others to develop a daily time with God and other spiritual disciplines for growth.
- \_\_\_15. My first response toward others is being gentle, patient and compassionate.
- \_\_\_16. I believe I can experience spiritual growth and Biblical community best in a community group with other believers.
- \_\_\_17. I participate regularly in a community group to grow spiritually and experience Biblical community.
- \_\_\_18. I am an incluser and easily approachable.
- \_\_\_19. I believe my community group should be the primary place to receive love and care in my church.
- \_\_\_20. My speech encourages others and promotes unity in the church body.
- \_\_\_21. Others would say that I am not easily offended and quick to forgive.
- \_\_\_22. I believe that God has a purpose for my life and uses other believers to help me acknowledge it.
- \_\_\_23. I actively invest myself in at least one other Christ follower for their growth and development.
- \_\_\_24. My first inclination is to seek the good of others before myself.
- \_\_\_25. I believe others have insight to my life I don't have myself.
- \_\_\_26. I am open, teachable and accountable with the members of my community group.
- \_\_\_27. Others would say I am not defensive or resistant to instruction or correction.
- \_\_\_28. I believe relationships with believers have the potential to go deeper than those with people far from God.
- \_\_\_29. I regularly reach out to the unconnected/unchurched and invite them to my community group.
- \_\_\_30. I keep my composure even when people or circumstances irritate me.

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## CONTRIBUTE by serving

- \_\_\_1. I understand what the Bible has to say about spiritual gifts.
- \_\_\_2. I give away my time to serve and help others in my community.
- \_\_\_3. I see every aspect of my life and work as service to God.
- \_\_\_4. I know my spiritual gifts.
- \_\_\_5. I contribute through the use of my spiritual gifts weekly at church.
- \_\_\_6. I value a simple lifestyle over one cluttered with activities and material possessions.
- \_\_\_7. I believe great satisfaction is found when I serve God faithfully.
- \_\_\_8. I regularly use my spiritual gift(s) in ministry to accomplish God's purposes.
- \_\_\_9. I value the spiritual gifts of others to accomplish God's purposes.
- \_\_\_10. I believe I should stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.
- \_\_\_11. I spend a good deal of time helping people with physical, emotional, or other kinds of needs.
- \_\_\_12. I put God's timing, will and purposes ahead of my own.
- \_\_\_13. Others recognize and affirm my spiritual gift(s) and support my use of them.
- \_\_\_14. I regularly volunteer at my church.
- \_\_\_15. I live an intentional lifestyle that allows me to contribute/maximize my time, energy and resources for the kingdom.
- \_\_\_16. I understand God works through me to build up the church.
- \_\_\_17. I help those who are in trouble or who cannot help themselves.
- \_\_\_18. I am eager to help others when I hear of a need.
- \_\_\_19. I believe that God is the source of all blessings in the world.
- \_\_\_20. I participate regularly in leadership development opportunities.
- \_\_\_21. I help without expecting anything in return.
- \_\_\_22. I believe everything I am or own comes from God and belongs to God.
- \_\_\_23. I have attended the Discovery Seminar and identified my personality, gifts and passion.
- \_\_\_24. My choices of activities and how to spend my time are based upon my relationship with Jesus as Lord.
- \_\_\_25. I believe I should be involved in the lives of the poor and suffering.
- \_\_\_26. I freely share my time, possessions and resources with those in need.
- \_\_\_27. Through Jesus, I can accomplish things that I could not do on my own.
- \_\_\_28. I believe God gives spiritual gifts to every Christ follower for service to the church and the community.
- \_\_\_29. I build relationships with those I serve and who serve me.
- \_\_\_30. Finding the right place to serve others is a major part of understanding God's will for my life.

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## CULTIVATE a personal relationship with Jesus

- \_\_\_1. I believe that I cannot earn my salvation based on good deeds.
- \_\_\_2. I regularly study the Bible to find direction for my life.
- \_\_\_3. I exist to know, love and serve God.
- \_\_\_4. I believe that the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do.
- \_\_\_5. I thank God daily for who He is and what He is doing in my life.
- \_\_\_6. I believe that my life has value because God loves me.
- \_\_\_7. I have a good understanding of the contents of the Bible.
- \_\_\_8. I seek to grow closer to God by listening to Him in prayer.
- \_\_\_9. I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_10. I believe that God is actively involved in my life.
- \_\_\_11. I worship with my church family each week.
- \_\_\_12. I seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in my decision making.
- \_\_\_13. I believe God loves me, even when I do not obey him.
- \_\_\_14. I discipline my thoughts based on my faith in Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_15. My first financial priority is to support God's work.
- \_\_\_16. I am confident God is working everything out for my good, regardless of the circumstances today.
- \_\_\_17. I have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior.
- \_\_\_18. My hope in God increases through my daily pursuit to live like Christ.
- \_\_\_19. I believe that God came in the flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, lived a sinless life and died on a cross to pay the price for sin and that He rose from the dead.
- \_\_\_20. I exercise self-control in my private and public behavior to honor God.
- \_\_\_21. I am unashamed to be known as a Christ follower.
- \_\_\_22. I am confident that I will go to heaven when I die.
- \_\_\_23. I have made a public commitment of faith by choosing to be baptized.
- \_\_\_24. I am an example of contagious joy found in Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_25. I believe I receive forgiveness of sin, the Holy Spirit, and the gift of eternal life when I put my faith in Jesus Christ and commit my life to Him as my Lord and Savior.
- \_\_\_26. I have completed a spiritual growth plan that includes accountability for my goals.
- \_\_\_27. I take unpopular stands when my faith dictates.
- \_\_\_28. I understand Biblical principles of financial giving.
- \_\_\_29. My spending habits allow me to give 10% or more of my income to God's work.
- \_\_\_30. I am known to maintain honesty and integrity at all times.

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## CARE about people far from God

- \_\_\_1. I believe it is important to share my faith because Christ has commanded me to do so.
- \_\_\_2. I pray for people far from God to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- \_\_\_3. I live so that others will see Christ in my life.
- \_\_\_4. I believe all people who place their trust in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in heaven.
- \_\_\_5. I frequently share my faith with people who don't follow Jesus.
- \_\_\_6. I treat others with respect even though they may believe differently than me.
- \_\_\_7. I know how to share my faith with non-believers.
- \_\_\_8. I regularly pray for specific individuals who don't know Christ.
- \_\_\_9. People matter to God, so people matter to me.
- \_\_\_10. I believe every person is subject to the judgment of God.
- \_\_\_11. I actively seek out opportunities to have spiritual conversations with those who don't know God.
- \_\_\_12. When I meet new people, I wonder about their relationship with Christ.
- \_\_\_13. I believe that investing my time, talents and resources in the church helps people find their way back to God.
- \_\_\_14. I serve those in my community by meeting needs so they see the love of Christ.
- \_\_\_15. My life's mission is to share Jesus with lost people.
- \_\_\_16. I believe all people need a relationship with God.
- \_\_\_17. I intentionally initiate a relationship with people far from God.
- \_\_\_18. I make it a priority to build relationships with unbelievers.
- \_\_\_19. I believe God will use me to reach those in my circle of influence for Jesus Christ.
- \_\_\_20. I have described to people the difference Jesus makes in my life.
- \_\_\_21. My heart breaks when I hear someone has died and did not know Christ.
- \_\_\_22. I am able to effectively communicate how to become a Christ follower to others.
- \_\_\_23. I am actively involved in my community as a Christ follower.
- \_\_\_24. Helping someone come to faith is among the most rewarding experiences I could think of.
- \_\_\_25. I believe people who die without choosing to trust Christ will experience Hell.
- \_\_\_26. I go out of my way to encourage people who have just become Christ followers.
- \_\_\_27. I regularly reflect on the price Jesus paid for my sin.
- \_\_\_28. I believe following Christ has rewards in the next life and this life.
- \_\_\_29. I have met my neighbors and generally know of their spiritual beliefs.
- \_\_\_30. Life only makes sense when seen from God's perspective.

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